



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

South St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority, MN

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The South St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Throughout the late 1800s and 1900s, the City of South St. Paul (population 20,167) developed independently from the nearby larger municipalities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Through the 1970s, the South Saint Paul Stockyards and related livestock market exchange, packing plants,



Cleanup Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the South St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 0.2-acre 320 Hardman Avenue site in the BridgePoint Business Park. The site is in the city's former stockyard area. The property was used for industrial and agricultural purposes associated with the stockyard and railroad. Both soil and groundwater are contaminated with chlorinated volatile organic compounds, and soil also is contaminated with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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and tanneries formed the economic backbone of the city. When the meat packing industry restructured in the 1960s and 1970s, the city's economic base was hit hard. The two major employers closed, and about 7,000 jobs were lost. At the same time, the city's population

began to decline. Today, the city's poverty rate remains higher than the county rate. The HRA plans to partner with a private developer to redevelop the cleanup site for commercial use. Cleanup and redevelopment are expected to contribute to the ongoing revitalization of the area, reduce threats to human health and the environment, and revitalize a diminished tax base.